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**Response to Outstanding Office Action**

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2007 relating to the above-identified patent application. Please reconsider the patent application in view of the remarks presented hereinafter.

Claims 1-16, 29, and 31-40 are in the subject patent application.

**REMARKS** begin on page 2 of this paper.